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1. SOME CONFUSION EXISTS RE SECRETARY KAJA'S REAL NAME SINCE PASSPORT CARRIES HIM AS FAHRI MEDMED. INQUIRY REVEALS THAT "KAJA" IS NICK NAME ADOPTED DURING PARTISAN PERIOD ON SAME PATTERN AS JOHIP BROZ "TITO". THUS, ALTHOUGH PASSPORT AND TICKETS LIST HIM AS FAHRI MEHMED, HE IS KNOWN IN YUGOSLAVIA AS KAHRI KAJA (KY-YA).

2. AS YOUNG MAN, KAJA WAS ACTIVE IN PARTY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. THEN BECAME PRINCIPAL OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SKOPJE. HE BEGAN HIS JOURNALIST CAREER WITH CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER IN SKOPJE AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EDITOR OF MACEDONIAN TURKISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER AND RTV SKOPJE TURKISH-LANGUAGE BROADCASTS. WHILE HIS PRIMARY INTEREST IS INFORMATION MEDIA, HE HAS STRONG SECONDARY INTEREST IN EDUCATION AND CULTURE. HE IS GRADUATE OF BELGRADE UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY.
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